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## Student activists speak out for the women of Congo

**Robert Guimond**  
GUEST WRITER

Months of work came to fruition this weekend as “On the Edge of the Knife: Rape as a Tactic of War in the DRC” sold out both days it ran, Friday and Sunday. The organizers and actors had to plan an additional show on Sunday in order to meet the demand for tickets.

“To be able to tell hundreds of people is a gift and a blessing beyond what I can put into words,” said Anna Pizzimenti (’10), a writer and director of the play.

With three packed performances, the writers, directors and performers accomplished more than raising money for distressed women in the Democratic Republic of Congo. They raised awareness towards the atrocities currently taking place in the DRC.

“These stories are based off of real people living real lives,” said Rachel Syens (’11), an actress in the performance. “We are trying to make others aware of the situation in the Congo.”

Moved by the proceedings in New Orleans last year at the V-Day conference that focused on women in conflict zones, Hope students Pizzimenti, Timothy Brandt (’10), Rachel Anderson (’11), Cecilia Jaime (’11) and Kristen Mahan (’11) decided to use what resources they had to raise awareness for the women of the DRC.

The writers began working on the play this summer with the help of Amnesty International and Dr. Denis Mukwege, a man they met at the V-Day conference that actually practices medicine in one of the worst conflict zones in the DRC. Modeling the play in the style of the “Vagina Monologues” and with the help they received, the writers were able to accurately portray the experiences, thoughts and emotions of the rape victims.

The conflict in the DRC has caused more deaths than any war since World War II. The war, instigated by rebels fleeing the genocide in Rwanda, is “the worst humanitarian crisis in the world and the widest interstate war in modern African history” according to UNICEF.

War continues because the many factions, local armies, foreign armies and private

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PHOTO BY JENNA HUNGER

**HOMEcoming PARADE—** Homecoming court members, Graham Carlson (’09) and Mari Jo Koedyker (’09), ride down Columbia Avenue during the Homecoming Parade Saturday.

## Alumni return for Homecoming

**Christina VanderGriend**  
GUEST WRITER

This weekend, Hope College welcomed back alumni of all ages who once called this campus home.

The classes of 2003, 1998, 1993 and 1988 celebrated their 5-, 10-, 15-, and 20-year reunions. All weekend long, the Hope community celebrated the

return of former Flying Dutchmen.

The Homecoming festivities began on Friday, Oct. 3 with a hoedown at Teusink’s Farm. Students learned line-dances, consumed cider and fall treats, and petted farm animals from 8 p.m. until midnight.

The next morning, alumni gathered for a reunion brunch.

All across campus, alumni met with younger generations of Hope students, from sorority brunches to alumni soccer and lacrosse games.

In keeping with tradition, the 31st Run-Walk participants left the DeVos field house at 10 a.m. on Saturday and made a five-kilometer loop around the Holland area.

Approximately 300 students, alumni, and Holland residents took part in the race this year.

“I really don’t run that much anymore,” said 64-year-old Hope alum Merle Vander Sluis, “but I do (the Run-Walk) every year.”

Later in the day, Hope hosted its fifth annual Homecoming

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## Hope earns D- on green report card

**Emily West**  
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Hope College lacks environmental responsibility according to the 2009 College Sustainability Report Card.

The report card gave Hope an overall grade of “D-” with the grade of “F” in six of the nine categories investigated.

This poor grade contrasts drastically with the University of Michigan’s and Michigan State University’s overall “B” grades.

The independent college sustainability study evaluates universities and colleges that have \$160 million or more in endowed assets.

Greg Maybury, Hope’s director of operations and a leader of the Hope College Task Force said that Hope just made the minimum threshold this past year. “Other schools in the sur-

vey have substantially higher endowments, up to several billion dollars, which creates an unequal playing field for evaluating the ability of a school to finance many of the initiatives suggested in the survey,” Maybury said.

GreenReportCard.org explains that the process of assessment includes public information as well as data collected from surveys sent to the universities and colleges.

More than 96 percent of the educational institutions returned at least one of the surveys sent out according to GreenReportCard.org. Hope, however, declined to submit information to the organization.

Maybury said, “The survey was received on July 14 with a due date of July 28—we opted to pass on the survey due to the short time frame in which to

gather some of the information in order to complete it.”

Public Relations Associate Vice President Tom Renner told the Grand Rapids Press, “We looked at the survey, and it was pretty obvious that, if you didn’t have windmills generating electricity, and LEED-certified buildings, you weren’t going to get a good grade in the report.”

The Holland Sentinel noted that Hope President James Bultman created a Campus Sustainability Task Force in the spring of 2008 that included 14 Hope faculty and staff, headed by Professor Steve Bouma-Prediger and Maybury.

Bouma-Prediger told the Sentinel, “We’re already doing a number of good things which didn’t come up in this report card.”

Maybury pointed to some of

those initiatives such as: “Our custodians using green cleaners and our grounds crew using biodiesel in our grounds equipment.”

One of the highest grades the survey gave to Hope was a “D” for Student Involvement, even though the student-run Environmental Issues Group was acknowledged.

According to Maybury, the new CSTF plans to involve students in further initiatives on campus.

“Students comprise the largest user group of resources and can help reduce our environmental footprint through simple common sense actions such as turning off lights when leaving a room and turning off electrical devices when not in use,” Maybury said.

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## THIS WEEK AT HOPE

**Wednesday Oct. 8****Nykerk Women Rally**

Freshmen and sophomore women are invited to attend the informative rally 9 p.m. at Dimnent Chapel. Oration and play try-outs will follow immediately after.

**Thursday Oct. 9****Philadelphia Center Informational Meeting**

Maas Conference Room, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

**Friday Oct. 10****Fall recess begins.**

There are no classes Monday, Oct. 13, and Tuesday, Oct. 14.

## IN BRIEF

**ELECTION ISSUES DISCUSSED TUESDAYS**

The Hope College political science department is joining Eta Kappa to hold a program called "Bound in a Common Life," designed to educate Hope students and the community on the importance of faith and its role in making decisions regarding matters of national policy.

Selected faculty and staff will gather on stage with three moderators, answering questions posed by the audience or the moderators. The program is scheduled at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Maas Auditorium:

Oct. 7: National Security  
Oct. 21: Health Care Policy  
Oct. 28: Environmental and Energy Policy.

**STUDENTS FAVOR PROFESSOR BOYD**

Hope College students voted for the 2008 recipient of the "Favorite Faculty/Staff Member" award. Students were not provided with a list to select from but were instead asked to write in the name of a faculty member that they felt deserved the award. Dr. Boyd Wilson received the award at the Holland Municipal Stadium during the half-time of the Homecoming football game on Saturday, Oct. 4.

# Hope celebrates homecoming

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tailgate picnic. Friends, family and fans alike gathered at the Smallenburg Park, adjacent to the Holland Municipal Stadium, to enjoy barbeque and live music. A band comprised of Hope alumni from the 1960s, a group called Gasmen, provided the music.

The picnic attendees were able to catch the tail end of the Homecoming parade as it wound its way through campus toward them. Hope's Greek and other student organizations designed the colorful floats that drove through campus.

Those wishing to watch the parade lined up along 13th Street, College Avenue, 10th Street and Columbia to see the floats and catch candy thrown out into the crowd. Tom Bylsma served as grand marshal for the parade.

The parade's final destination was the Holland Municipal Stadium where the Dutch Football team hosted Trine University (formerly Tri-State University).

The Dutch fought a long, hard game against the Trine University Thunder. Trine University scored with just over a minute left on the clock and the Dutch retaliated with their final touchdown with only 35 seconds left in the game, narrowing the margin between Hope and Trine to a single point. The Flying Dutchmen, however, lost 30-31.

During the half-time show, the Homecoming King and Queen were announced as Graham Carlson ('09) and Tonisha Gordon ('09), who posed for pictures wearing crowns and sashes and carrying the traditional wooden shoes.

Also announced at halftime was the 13th annual "Favorite Faculty/Staff Member" award, presented this year to Dr. Boyd Wilson of the Religion Department.



PHOTO BY JENNA HUNGER

**PRESIDENTIAL SPOTTING** — President James Bultman and his wife Martie wave from their ride in the Homecoming parade on Saturday.

ment. Wilson teaches world religions and theology. He has been with Hope College since 1982.

Later in the evening, Hope students flooded into the Haworth Inn, dressed to the nines for the Homecoming ball. The theme this year was "Under the Sea."

Blue gauze covered the walls and students entered the ocean through an archway. Seashells decorated the food tables, which included a nautical teal punch. This year's ball featured a disc jockey playing popular music.

The Swing Band, which traditionally plays a few songs throughout the night, was noticeably missing.

Rachel Doherty ('10), a member of the Social Activities Committee, commented on the swing band's absence this year.

"I think students wouldn't

mind (the swing band) if it was shorter but most people just want to dance. They seemed to have fun with the DJ, though," Doherty said.

Some students were disappointed with the swing band's absence.

Sarah Koon ('09) said, "In past years, I've really enjoyed having a mix of style in music and dancing. Having live musicians was really fun. It made homecoming feel different than a high school dance."

Another notable event of homecoming weekend was the raising of 12 new flags at the Martha Miller Center to celebrate the diversity of Hope's student body.

The flags represent Armenia, Brazil, Canada, China, India, Kenya, Mexico, Palestine, Singapore, South Korea, Sweden and

the United States and will rotate throughout the academic year.

On Sunday morning, Dean of the Chapel Trygve Johnson, Hope organist Huw Lewis and the Alumni Choir led a worship service in Dimnent Chapel, concluding the Homecoming festivities.

Other events during the Homecoming weekend included performances of the play "Second Class" by the Theater Department and concerts by Hope College's Orchestra and Symphonette.

The Hope volleyball team defeated Olivet 25-15, 25-14, and 25-17, the women's soccer team defeated St. Mary's 2-1. The men's soccer team defeated Adrian 8-0.

This year's Homecoming events drew hundreds of alumni and gave the current Hope Col-

## Student play promotes universal human rights

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enterprises, gain wealth exploiting the countries' rich natural resources including cobalt, petroleum and diamonds. This wealth then fuels the war.

"Stop Raping Our Greatest Resource" pleads the title of UNICEF's global campaign. One of the war tactics used in the DRC is the sexual exploitation of local women.

"On the Edge of the Knife" looks to raise awareness in this matter. The victims of these attacks are embarrassed and often ostracized by the village.

In many cases, raped women contract sexual transmitted diseases or become pregnant. Perpetrators may even go as far as to intentionally wound a wom-

an's genitals with a knife or other foreign object.

Embarrassment, pregnancy, sickness and death hinder the primary care-givers' ability to perform their role in society. This injures the families and villages of the DRC as well as the victims.

The directors, writers and actors of the play encourage their audiences to donate money, write letters and join clubs to speak out against these atrocities.

"There is no excuse for someone who has a skill and a drive to use it to do nothing," Brandt said. After setting an example for what students can achieve through inspiration and hard work, they now hope to inspire others to take action.

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Austrian far-right party gains; puts status in EU in question

Robert Guimond  
GUEST WRITER

The two extreme right parties have made substantial gains in Austrian elections. The Freedom Party of Austria and the Alliance for the Future of Austria received 17 percent and 10 percent of the votes respectively.

The advances of these parties bring major concerns for the European Union. Both parties have alleged ties with Nazism. They have strong anti-immigration stands, encouraging strict citizenship laws and the exportation of aliens that commit a crime. They endorse fair trade over free trade. And both leaders, Heinz-Christian Strache of the FPÖ and Jörg Haider of the BZÖ, are accused of having ties with Neo-Nazi organizations. While both parties have strong xenophobic sentiments neither has endorsed violence in dealing with matters of immigration.

Haider has been controversial in the past. He has compli-

mented the Hitler regime during a debate in parliament stating that it had “developed a proper employment policy, which your government in Vienna has not once produced.” He has stated that the SS was “a part of the German army which should be honored.” And he has described women in bur-

kas as “little ninjas.”

The European Union imposed sanctions on Austria in 2000 due to a coalition between the far-right FPÖ and the Austrian People’s Party. The European Union had previously declared that no extreme right positions are acceptable in member nations. Many leaders in the EU have refused to shake hands with Haider.

A major concern for the EU is Austria’s involvement with Iran. In 2007, an Austrian oil company agreed on a \$30 billion deal for access to Iranian oil fields. This action violated EU sanctions on Iran. Terrorism experts say that

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Right to vote debated for the mentally impaired

Taylor Hughes  
ARTS EDITOR

As the election nears, tension rises and so do the desire of candidates to secure votes, including those from new and atypical voters.

With the mother of a special needs child on the ticket of one of the most sought after positions in the world, it begs one to question if that child will ever have the privilege of voting in a United States election. It has been estimated that anywhere from 500,000 to 1,250,000 people may be barred from voting booths in November based on mental disabilities that place them by law under “psychological guardianship.” Though some are registered to vote, state laws forbid them to cast a ballot.

“As of 1997, 44 states had language in their constitutions, statutes, or case law barring voting by some subgroups of persons with mental illness or mental retardation,” said Kay Schriener, research fellow at the Fulbright Institute of International Relations.

Currently, Michigan’s Constitution, Article 2 §2 reads, “Legislature may exclude persons based on mental incompetence.” The legislation on this issue has not been changed since 1964.

However, the Department of State’s website states:

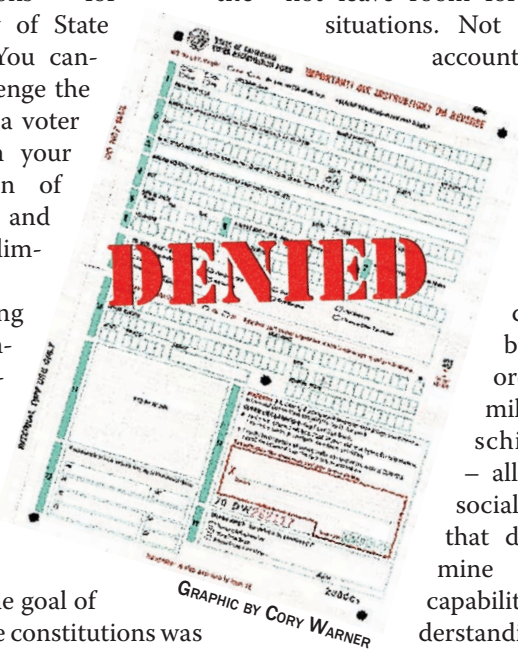
“Other than city or township residency and age requirements, state and federal laws do not place any other restrictions on the right to vote... Our right to vote is basic to our system of democracy, and depends on all people having full and equal access to the ballot.” When asked to comment, the Office of Communications for the Secretary of State stated, “You cannot challenge the rights of a voter based on your perception of mental and physical limitations.”

Denying the mentally disabled the right to vote began in the early 1700s. The goal of early state constitutions was to exclude any person incapable of making informed and intelligent political choices, according to Paul S. Appelbaum, professor of psychiatry and director of the

Division of Psychiatry, Law and Ethics of Columbia University. Up until 2007 New Jersey’s constitution still stated that any person being “insane” or “an idiot” could not vote in elections.

Many of the laws set out by states preventing the mentally disabled can be vague in wording. Often the label “under psychological guardianship” serves as an umbrella term and does not leave room for individual situations. Not taken into account are those placed under guardianship for extreme cases of depression, bipolar disorder and mild cases of schizophrenia – all medicable social challenges that don’t determine a person’s capability in understanding complex issues or making reasonable decisions. There are also mild forms of autism and Asperger’s Syndrome, disability

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PERSPECTIVES

The religion of John McCain: Country first

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NATIONAL NEWS EDITOR

Sen. John McCain has fought a long and hard battle for the Republican nomination and will not conclude his most difficult feat of trying to win the presidency for another month. He has served in the United States Senate for 22 years and many, certainly his supporters, would call him a great leader. He is an ex-naval pilot, a man of principle, and an idealist. But most surprising is that John McCain is driven by what Hope political science professor Dr. Jeffrey Polet calls a “conversion” experience.

The young John McCain was, according to Time interviewers, “a constant breaker of rules, a brawler and a slob, an undersize punk with an oversize chip on his shoulder.” He attended the naval academy somewhat reluctantly only to graduate 894th out of 899 in his class.

But the “punk” McCain was about to have a life-altering experience.

On Oct. 26, 1967, McCain set out for his 23rd mission over North Vietnam. McCain’s aircraft was shot out of the sky. He landed in water with, according to McCain, “two broken arms, a broken leg, and an angry crowd waiting to greet me.” This part of the story is now legendary but we will narrate it slightly further.

He was taken prisoner and beaten. He was starved and bayoneted. When the North Vietnamese became aware that he was the son of an admiral, he was offered an early release, release ahead of those who had been in the prison longer – a violation of the military code of conduct. McCain refused. And when the North Vietnamese could no longer use his early release as propaganda, his torture increased. Eventually they broke him, and after uttering a fake confession, McCain was returned to his cell. And that’s when it happened.

Themanin the cell next to McCain’s encouraged him. He told him that no man can stand alone. He told him to fight for his country, to fight for those with whom he served. John McCain felt his eyes open for the first time. One

is tempted to think of any number of stories, not least of which is that of the prodigal son.

We hear from John McCain himself. “I liked to bend a few rules and pick a few fights for the fun of it. But I did it for my own pleasure, my own pride. I didn’t think there was a cause that was more important than me,” McCain said.

These are the words of a convert: I was selfish, I was prideful. I sought pleasure. I put myself first. But then I was broken, I was wretched; I didn’t know what more I could do. And when I had lost all hope I was saved, my fellow prisoners rescued me. They taught about something greater than myself: Country.

McCain said, “I fell in love with my country when I was a prisoner in someone else’s...I loved it because it was not just a place, but an idea, a cause worth fighting for. I was never the same again; I wasn’t my own man anymore; I was my country’s.” I was in darkness until I saw the light, was blind but now I see. According to McCain and in his own words he was, literally, saved by the greatest cause he has known – his Country.

Religious individuals will talk of Christianity, adherence to Islam, etc. as being their highest cause, and I do not doubt McCain’s sincerity when he professes being a Christian. But McCain’s experiences did convert him to this quasi-religious notion of country. Christians serve God, patriots serve country. God intercedes in individuals’ lives and saves them, country does as well. McCain states, “My coun-

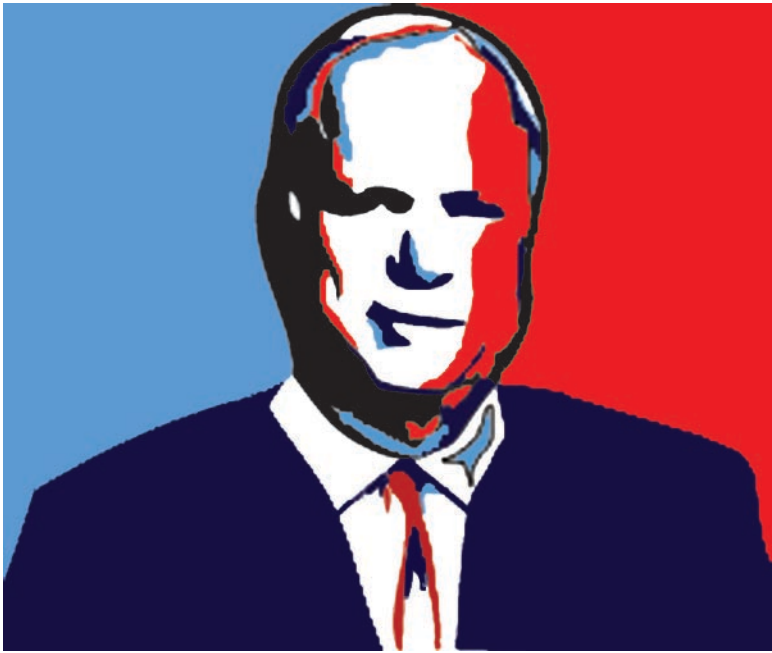
try saved me. My country saved me, and I cannot forget it. And I will fight for her for as long as I draw breath, so help me God.” And where one would have morality as a measure of devotedness to God, McCain has honor. For McCain, honor is an expression of the love of country. Morality guides Christian

action because it serves God, honor guides McCain’s action because it serves country.

“Country First” is the new slogan of the McCain campaign. He proclaims, “let me just offer an advance warning to the old, big-spending, do-nothing, me-first, country-second crowd: Change is coming.” For McCain, the well-being

of the state, of country, has been neglected far too long for that of individuals.

McCain’s administration would be similar to others, but the manner in which he proposes to make progress is of note. “After we’ve won, we’re going to reach out our hand to any willing patriot.” It is subtle phrasing, but nevertheless full of meaning. McCain’s worldview intrinsically entails a dichotomous outlook of patriots and those unable to help the country, of victory and defeat, of honorable and dishonorable strategy. It is a view with judgments and divisions that may very well be true, but are resolutely fixed in a dual color spectrum of black and white. The McCain campaign is trying to proselytize that this new religion of country is the answer to all of America’s problems. But for John McCain it is more than rhetoric, more than politics. It is a creed. It is salvation. It is faith.



GRAPHIC BY CORY WARNER



## Leader highlight: Ahmadinejad

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Iran has been in a state of turmoil for several decades. The turmoil heightened, at least with the rest of the world, when the current president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was elected by popular vote in 2005.

There have been several problems between the United States and Iran since this time, most recently at the United Nations General Assembly at the end of September.

At the U.N. General Assembly, Ahmadinejad is quoted by CNN to have said that the "American empire in the world is reaching the end of its road." Though a notetaker was the only representative of the U.S. present when he made his speech, he continued to attack the United States, saying that they have been oppressing Iraqis with occupation for the past six years, according to CNN. No one was present to defend the U.S.

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was born in Garmsar, which is near the capital city, Tehran, in 1956. He graduated from the University of Science and Technology, in Tehran, with a Ph.D. in traffic and transport. He was also a lecturer at the university.

One controversial event in Ahmadinejad's past is his role in the 1979 Islamic Revolution. Several of the American hostages that were held at the embassy in Tehran have insisted that he was one of their captors, but he denies that he was there. Many of the known captors also deny his presence and are now his political opponents.

Ahmadinejad has issued controversial statements in the past. He is noted to have claimed that

the Holocaust never existed, and insists that it should be continually studied and hopefully denied as real. This has led to accusations of anti-Semitism, which he has also denied. He has also been a part of the "International Conference to Review the Global Vision of the Holocaust," which was described in the west as a Holocaust denial conference. He has also stated that he "wanted Israel to be politically wiped off the map," adding to the anti-Semitism accusations.

More recently, he has refused to stop nuclear activities taking place in Iran, insisting that all of "Iran's nuclear activities are peaceful," according to CNN. He also accused the United States of being hypocritical in this area, saying that they are "building or maintaining nuclear stockpiles themselves, unchecked by anyone," while asking Iran to stop all progress.

Despite all of this, he claims that his intentions with the U.S. and other countries, are peaceful.

As an example of this, he was the first Iranian president to visit Iraq in several decades. He also traveled to New York for the U.N. General Assembly, as an attempt to maintain peace on foreign soil. He has also had several reforms that have pleased more moderate Iranians. He refused to support a campaign to insist that women stick to Iran's strict Islamic dress codes, and he allowed women to attend major sporting events for the first time since 1979.

Currently, all U.S. relations with Iran are handled by the Swiss. President Bush had been hoping to change that, but all plans were shelved until a new U.S. president takes office.



Ahmadinejad

“(The) American empire in the world is reaching the end of its road.”  
—M. AHMADINEJAD

## Voting rights contested for mentally challenged

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ties that don't necessarily render a person unintelligent or unable to rationalize.

Student Adam Irrer ('09) has worked with children with cognitive disabilities.

"It's a fine line determining who is capable and who isn't as it is a case-by-case situation. You would have to be careful as individuals could try to swing their vote," Irrer said.

There are still those, however, who are high functioning special needs adults but have been diagnosed with having the intelligence of a child. Because of

this, it has been argued that if we let those with the mindset of an adolescent vote, it would be the same as letting an actual child vote. Solutions proposed have included intelligence tests to those in question before being granted the right to vote. This could lead to embarrassments and lawsuits against individuals and government for discrimination under the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Without the right to vote, the

“It's a fine line determining who is capable.”

—ADAM IRRER ('09)

individuals in question themselves cannot define what their rights are by law. This undefined and marginalized group is then left in the hands of their caretakers and concerned individuals. So who has the right to determine a person's mental capability to vote and what the definition of intelligence should be? It is a difficult and complicated question that many seem hesitant in addressing.

## Austrian parties draw charges of pro-Nazism

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action violated EU sanctions on Iran. Terrorism experts say that Iran will use this deal to fund their nuclear program and finance terrorist groups.

The FPO and BZO oppose economic sanctions produced by the EU and support the deal in Iran.

A coalition between the OVP and the BZO has been rumored, but recent talks suggest that the two right parties will join forces.

"Voters now expect us to do

something for Austria. They do not want us steeped in animosity and fighting each other," Haider said, urging such a coalition.

The Social Democratic Party of Austria, which holds the majority of seats in parliament, has refused to take part in any government led by the far-rights. However, the strides made by the FPO and BZO may force the SPO to either retract this statement or be left behind.

Polls suggest that voters were unhappy with the lack of action in government while it was led

by a coalition between the SPO and OVP. The issue of immigration was also a major concern in recent elections as immigrants, primarily Muslim, move to Austria due to conflict in neighboring countries. The FPO and BZO capitalized on these issues as well as the recently lowered voting age of 16.

The OVP and the SPO, took hits in the polls, dropping to 26 percent and 29 percent respectively — the worst showing for these two parties since World War II.

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# Art prof featured in solo exhibit

The University of Indianapolis invites Katherine Sullivan to display her works

## Hillary Delhagen

GUEST WRITER

Katherine Sullivan of the Hope College Art faculty has recently featured work for her 9th solo exhibition at the University of Indianapolis.

The critically acclaimed series began in 2002 and developed out of her growing curiosity for the representation of 3-dimensional space with the inherently flat space of a painting's plane. Sullivan's main interest concerns the combination of perspectives whilst a figure is used as the main subject matter.

In her painting and drawings, Sullivan is first interested in what she would call the "Wow!" factor. In other words, she has created images that instantly elicit a response through scale, color and technique. However, she hopes the work she has created will sustain interest beyond the initial response and that the viewer uncovers the more complex content and contradictions in each piece.

"This show is unique in that it incorporates pieces from two



PHOTO BY JENNA HUNGER

**BOLD COLOR, BRIGHT TALENT—** The exhibition of 19 pieces, seven paintings and 12 works on paper, is titled "Katherine Sullivan: Body Electric."

different series of work created over the course of six years. Its setting in a university gallery allowed me to focus more on the process that connected the different series, a process that is especially relevant for student

artists," Sullivan said.

Her interests lie in the formal combination of flat and illusionist space in painting. Her subject matter is more abstract yet related to the figure she is painting.

"I've been delighted with the

show and with the chance to meet the University of Indianapolis art faculty and students, they have an excellent department," Sullivan said.

Sullivan is set to lecture on her series in New York.

## Studio majors show talent

### Kate Schramper

GUEST WRITER

On Friday, Oct. 3, Hope students and faculty along with seven other schools had the chance to show some of their artwork to the public in the Activesite art show in Grand Rapids.

Activesite is an organization that hosts projects put on by co-founders Paul Amenta and Todd Ernst as a way to collaborate between art, business and development in West Michigan and beyond. Their goal is to create unique exhibition and promotional opportunities for artists by taking advantage of buildings that are being converted from one business to another and uses that brief moment when the building is empty to show the work of young area artists. In this way, not only the artwork is viewed but also the building itself, linking the business and art aspects in Activesite's goal.

"I was very excited to be in the show; it was my first one outside of Hope," said Cassandra Thomas, one of the students involved.

The same was true for many other students, all of whom began developing their pieces at the beginning of the semester. Many of the students felt honored and thrilled to have the opportunity to publicize their talents alongside the work of their professor's.

Types of work displayed by Hope students and faculty included sculptures made from various materials of all kinds.

"Everyone's work was original, using anything from boiled

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## 'Blue Like Jazz' author campaigns for Obama

### Brittany Adams

FEATURES EDITOR

*Features Editor Brittany Adams interviewed author Donald Miller. Following are her findings.*

On Saturday, October 4, at 5:10 pm, I was sitting in the Anchor office with Emily West and Sam Ogles awaiting the arrival of Donald Miller.

Miller, the author of several Christian books, including the enormously popular "Blue Like Jazz," spoke about his support of Barack Obama for president.

Miller walked in dressed in jeans and a knit zip-up. He had an incredibly laid back and unimposing air about him.

I first asked Miller what the reaction from the Christian community, which has generally voted Republican in recent elections, has been towards his endorsement of Barack Obama, who has been called an extreme liberal.

Miller said, "Online, it's been mixed, and the negative part of the mix has been pretty mean-spirited. In person, it's been overwhelmingly positive and thoughtful, even from people who disagree. There's something about online stuff that in the anonymity brings out the worst of us. In person, people are humanized, people are very open and kind and thoughtful."

Despite his huge fan-fol-

lowing, the guy seemed completely down-to-earth and genuine. But what about authenticity as it relates to the election? From the time the two candidates were announced, the evangelical community has been courted by both sides, with both candidates making proclamations of faith. Can we trust them, or is it just politics in action?

Miller responded, "The real tricky thing is just to not become judgmental or cynical, which is my tendency. Give people the benefit of the doubt. The important thing is not that they go to church, the important thing is that they humble themselves to a greater authority. I'm comfortable with believing that when it comes down to making enormous decisions that affect

humanity, (Obama) will say, 'God, what do you want? This is bigger than me.' And when you talk about the most powerful person in this world, that's the kind of person that we need."

During his talk, Miller had said, "My grandmother is a Democrat because she's a Christian, my mother's a Republican because she's a Christian, and I'm a republicrat because I'm a Christian." What did he mean by that?

Miller explained, "I'm a registered Democrat, I have been for five years. Before that I was registered independent, before that I was registered republican. It's a slow progress. I align myself right now as a democrat and am completely willing to change. I think the worst thing we could do is to give ourselves wholly and completely to a party and be loyal to them instead of to God. I don't espouse that idea at all. I vote issues, I don't vote my

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Donald Miller

**A NEW APPROACH—** Miller is known for being a progressive Christian and an advocate of change.

## THIS WEEK IN ART

**Wednesday Oct. 8**

"Second Class"

Play by Brad Slaight 8 p.m. Dewitt

Women's Nykerk Rally

Try-outs for Nykerk play and oration  
9 p.m. Dimnent Chapel

**Thursday Oct. 9**

Steel Band from Trinidad

Guest Artists, 7:30 p.m. Maas Aud.

**Wednesday Oct. 11**

"Second Class"

Play by Brad Slaight 8 p.m. Dewitt

**Saturday Oct. 18**

Documentary Showing

"When the West Brings Civilization  
Back to Africa" 6:30 p.m. the Knick

## IN BRIEF

### DE PREE FEATURES BUSH CARTOONIST

Hope College will feature the exhibition "Leadership: Oliphant Cartoons and Sculpture from the Bush Years" in the gallery of the De Pree Art Center from Friday, Oct. 17, through Saturday, Nov. 22.

There will be an opening reception featuring artist Patrick Oliphant at the gallery on Friday, Oct. 17, from 5 p.m. to 7 pm.

This exhibit features the work of one of the greatest political cartoonists. Australian-born Patrick Oliphant, world-renowned for his fearless, caustic portrayals for America's most prominent peoples and events, will be showing cartoons, sketches, oversized caricatures, and sculptures in bronze and wax.

Oliphant uses traditional artistic devices, like caricature and hierarchy of size, to illustrate a complex variety of ideas. The "bad" characters of his cartoons are huge. The "good" are small, often seen conversing with the wise and ironic "Punk" the penguin. Punk represents the voice of reason, that which should inspire our actions as we watch the events in Washington unfold.

Designed to correspond with the U.S. presidential election, the show will invite the members of the audience to reflect on their current political choices. The exhibition focuses on the Bush administration.

### GPS TO PRESENT SYNERGY BRASS QUINTET

The Great Performance Series will feature Synergy Brass Quintet, on Friday, Oct. 17, at 7:30 p.m. in Dimnent Chapel.

The quintet's unique performances are known to engage both new and veteran classical audience members. "The performance was superior," reviewed The Rapid City Journal.

Synergy is often heard on NPR, and in 2005 the quintet broadcast on NBC with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Tickets are \$17 regular admission, \$12 senior citizens, and \$6 for children 18 and under.



## Hope artists on display in Grand Rapids

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pasta to old desk chairs to canvas and clay. I enjoyed watching as everyone experimented, struggled, and revised their ideas, playing with the materials," Karie Luidens said ('09).

This year Activesite drew a larger crowd than years before it. Included in the crowd were critics from around the world visiting Grand Rapids for the International Sculpture Conference.

Art Professor William Mayer was responsible for getting Hope students involved in the project and estimated more than 1,000 attendees.

"The students and faculty worked hard to get there. They deserved the chance, and they took it, and the result was a great exhibition of their creative talents," Mayer said.

## Theatre to present 'Second Class'

### Monologues about challenges of high school life to play at DeWitt Center

According to a Hope College Public Relations press release Hope College Theatre will present "Second Class" by Brad Slight in the DeWitt Center main theatre beginning Friday, Oct. 3.

Performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Oct. 3 and 4; and Wednesday through Saturday, Oct. 8-11, all with an 8 p.m. curtain.

"Second Class" is a continuation of Brad Slight's previous play, "Class Action"; both plays pertain to the trials, tribulations, and joys of high school life. Through a series of scenes, vignettes, and monologues, "Second Class" aims to demonstrate that although teens have their tough days, there are plenty of good times and a lot of laughter, too.

"I wanted to examine the clichés of high school. I'm of

a mind that when I just think back on my own high school experiences — some of those friends are my friends for life," said "Second Class" director Jean Reed Bahle, "I learned a lot of important stuff. Things beyond English and biology, but life experience, how to be with other people."

Bahle has been involved with the arts in West Michigan for more than 30 years as administrator, publicist, reviewer, and free-lance talent in radio, television and industrial films; and involved in area theatre as a playwright and director. As an actor, she has appeared in more than 50 productions, working with Boarshead in Lansing, Hope Summer Repertory Theatre in Holland, Grand Rapids Civic and Circle Theatre, and most prominently with Actors' Theatre.

For the past 20 years, Bahle has taught acting and writing workshops in area schools, at Actors' and Civic, and has served as adjunct faculty in the theatre department at GRCC. Since 1994 she has served as visiting assistant professor in the theatre department at HopeCollege.

"It's a true ensemble piece" Bahle said. "Everybody gets their glory moment; they each play five or six different characters. It's a nice stretch piece for actors."

Bahle wrote to playwright Brad Slight to discuss the script. She was interested in adding stylized movement in between scenes, and, with Slight's go-ahead, Bahle and the cast have been experimenting with a guest artist from the department of dance, Sharon Wong. In addition to incorporating movement into

"Second Class," the cast wrote its own epilogue. For Bahle, this is what playmaking is all about: honoring the playwright but finding the portion that one can bring to it.

As Bahle summarized, "(It's) going back and looking at experiences that you may tend to dismiss. High school is very different now than when I went to high school, and yet some things never change."

Tickets for "Second Class" are \$7 for regular admission, \$5 for Hope faculty and staff, and \$4 for students and senior citizens, and are available at the Hope College ticket office in DeVos Fieldhouse, open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The theatre lobby ticket office in the DeWitt Center will be open on performance nights at 8 p.m. The ticket office may be contacted at (616) 395-7890.



**Artist:** Girl Talk

**Genre:** Mash-up Remix

**Album:** "Feed the Animals"

**Released:** Oct. 21 2008

## Have you Heard? Bria Berger reviews Girl Talk's 'Feed the Animals'

Writing a music review about Girl Talk in 250 words is like trying to describe the Sistine Chapel ceiling in a greeting card. Girl Talk's music is the mashup of mash-ups; the remix of remixes; the breath of life that has revolutionized the 21st century independent music scene.

Greg Gillis is a self-confessed pop music enthusiast, former biomedical engineer and the brainchild behind Girl Talk's unique genre of sample-heavy music. He refuses to call himself a DJ and up until last year worked full time as an engineer and kept his musical life hidden from his colleagues.

On "Night Ripper" in 2006, his third release on Illegal Art but first breakout hit, Gillis deftly tows the line between the question of where clips of random songs end and where musical ingenuity begins.

But the music industry knows the test of time is more important than the initial explosion. On his latest album, "Feed the Animals," Gillis continues his tradition of mixing ballads (like Sinead O'Connor's "Nothing Compares 2 U") with distinctive artists like Three Six Mafia and Fleetwood Mac. "Feed the Animals" starts off timidly but confidently progresses into a more innovative, mature response to Night Ripper.

"Feed the Animals" musical pairings are also more inventive, like when the hook to "Lollipop" is backed by "Under the Bridge;" a pairing so perfect, one can picture Anthony Kiedis and Lil Weezy humming along to their respective songs in perfect harmony.

"Feed the Animals" proves what Girl Talk fans knew all these years: Girl Talk remains the undisputed best music for parties everywhere and brings the A.D.D. out in all of us.

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# TAKING CARE OF YOU...

The options in the current American healthcare system: private, governmental, and a look at alternative healthcare

## EVERY DAY...

**Brittany Adams**  
FEATURES EDITOR

With the two presidential candidates offering drastically different plans concerning healthcare, it's worth taking a look at what healthcare is and what it means to the American people, including you and me.

To begin with, there are two major types of insurance plans: those funded by the government, and those not. Obama is offering a universal healthcare plan, meaning that the government would provide citizens with healthcare in order to fight costs for the people, while McCain favors keeping the current system of privatized healthcare and intends to use competition to curb costs.

In 2005, the U.S. Census Bureau released a report stating that as of the year before, 15.7 percent of Americans were without health insurance.

Many Americans receive health insurance plans through their employment. However, it's possible to obtain health insurance independently.

Four main types of plans exist: the Health Maintenance Organization, the Preferred Patient Organization, the indemnity, and the Point of Service.

The HMO provides coverage for its subscribers to have a primary-care physician with other specialists as necessary. The main thing about an HMO is that it only pays for care received from physicians in their network, a group of doctors that pay them to belong. Outside of the network, subscribers pay on their own. This offers them less choice. However, the good news with HMOs is that visits to their doctors cost less with a determined co-pay, and premiums, the amount paid every month to belong, are reasonable.

The PPO offers more flexibility in choosing physicians. Subscribers are not required to use its network, but it's cheaper if they do. PPOs bill their clients deductibles and then co-insurance payments, which require the client to pay for a percentage of the cost, or co-payments. The PPO does not require its clients to get a referral if he or she needs to see a specialist.

An indemnity plan differs from an HMO or a PPO in that an indemnity plan's coverage list includes procedures rather than physicians. The limitation of indemnity plans thus lay in their services; they may only cover care for emergencies and sicknesses. Indemnity plans still consist of co-payments and deductibles, just like the other plans, although the co-payments can be a little more expensive.

Lastly, the POS offers more choices in physicians, as it helps pay for care received outside of its network through co-payments and/or deductibles. The POS also offers clients a maximum amount that they will have to pay, similar to the PPO and indemnity plans.

To explore my options as an individual, I decided to look at the health insurance company Aetna to get a quote for a 20-year-old female from Illinois (many insurance companies offer plans according to one's place of residence).

I decided to look into two plans, one with a high deductible and other with no deductible. The first plan, the High Deductible 3000, would require that I pay a \$3,000 deductible when receiving care from inside the network, and \$6,000 if I would choose to go outside. After that, healthcare would typically cost nothing inside of the network, or 50 percent of the bill outside (although preventative healthcare would only be covered up to \$200).

Another benefit of this plan is its compatibility with a Health Savings Account. An HSA allows people to put aside money for healthcare and not get taxed for it, therefore making healthcare a little more affordable. The out-of-pocket maximum for this plan is \$3,000, and its monthly premium is \$92, not including dental insurance.

The other plan I looked into, the First Dollar PPO 40, would have no deductible if I stayed inside the network (it would be \$7,000 if I decided to go outside). However, it would require me to pay more each time I received care. For example, a visit to a non-specialist or a specialist inside the network demands a \$40 or \$50 co-payment, respectively. Outside the network, I would have to pay half of the medical bill (or all of it, if the deductible has not been met).

This plan, whose premium is \$140 a month, would make me pay for 40 percent of any outpatient surgery and 40 percent of any emergency room procedure within the network; those numbers jump to 50 percent if outside the network. The preventative healthcare policy is the same as with the High Deductible 3000 (except that I would have to pay 50 percent outside of the network), although the out-of-pocket maximum would be \$12,500.

As it turns out, through their various plans, Aetna has a profit margin of 6.26 percent meaning that, while the economy is currently in the toilet, a major insurance company was still able to make \$1.86 billion in income.

## WHAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL DO FOR YOU

**Magdalene Reishus**  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Medicare is a federal healthcare plan for individuals age 65 or older, under 65 with certain disabilities, or with end-stage renal disease (permanent kidney failure that requires dialysis or a transplant).

Medicaid is a jointly funded, federal-state health insurance program for lower-income and needy people, that covers children, the aged, blind, and/or disabled and other eligibilities.

The United States Department of Veterans Affairs is a government-run military veteran organization responsible for administering healthcare programs of benefits for veterans, their families and survivors.

The State Children's Health Insurance Program is a United States federal government program that gives funds to states in order to provide health insurance to families with children who are not eligible for Medicaid.



## EVERY WAY...

**Magdalene Reishus**  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Unlike the majority of the American population who spend over 10 percent of their income on healthcare, my family spends less than 3 percent on average. However, the bulk of our income is spent on food.

My parents operate a small organic farm in North-Central Indiana. Health is maintained in our household not through pills and prescriptions but organic meat, dairy and produce. Instead of the biannual family practitioner visit, I swing by the chiropractor's office monthly.

Health insurance was not in the

picture for lack of income but it wasn't needed because, well, we didn't get sick. If we did on rare occasions, sugar was cut from the diet completely and coconut oil became the staple ingredient in every meal. Two daily tablespoons of cod liver oil was my parents' idea of daily vitamins and raw milk was the super food answer to every physical complaint.

When accidents rolled around as do when living on a farm, such as Mom's nearly amputated finger, the smallest form of health insurance with the highest deductible became a necessity. Yet still, the first answer from the mouth of my parents to any physical ailment is "Go get some milk!"



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Change for tradition’s sake

Bridging the great divide

Every Spring Break campus ministries sends hundreds of Hope College students to communities across the nation and around the world to serve on missions trips. Students fly to New Mexico to serve the health care needs of Native Americans, others drive to New Jersey to tutor children and help with renovation projects.

But these types of needs exist in our own back yard. Less than three blocks south of campus there are families who have the same struggles as the people of Newark, N.J. and Dulce, N.M. — poor healthcare, children who could use help with school, and run-down homes and church buildings in need of a little TLC.

Part of Hope college’s mission, according to their promotional video, is to equip students with the tools they need in order to make a difference in the world — but what about making a difference in our own backyard?

As a Christian college, Hope should have a huge effect on the outside community. As we grow and learn, academically and spiritually, you would think we would begin to reach out to the neighborhoods and community that surround us.

But I am not convinced that is actually happening.

Yesterday I was driving home from dinner with friends near VanRaalte and 16th Street. I realized I had never seen this part of town before, and I had lived only a few blocks away for three years. I saw trash and broken windows, men who I thought could be gang members. But I also saw children playing and people sitting out on their porches, an old man walking home from the store, his arms hardly managing grocery bags.

The neighborhoods surrounding Hope are dangerous. We’ve all heard about the break-ins, the gangs, the sexual predators. We’ve all been warned of what goes on beyond 16th Street. But what is Hope — and more importantly its students — doing about it? Holland can put more cops on duty, and the administration can

Ashley DeVecht  
Co Editor-in-Chief



warn us to be careful about walking alone at night, but that will only band-aid the issue.

What can Hope do to reach out to the community? What needs do they have that we might be able to fulfill?

While I’ll admit I’ve never spoken to someone from the area (clearly I’m a part of the problem too), here’s what I would guess: babysitters are needed, rides to work or to the doctor are needed. I bet there are simple things that would improve their standard of living — an old cell phone they can reuse, a meal they don’t have to cook, an extra hand on the way home from the grocery store.

What would it look like if students began adopting families from the outside? What if a group of students actively attempted to serve their neighbors? How would it change the community? I imagine students would learn new things about poverty and would gain wisdom from the people who have lived much harder lives. I imagine our eyes would be opened to the way God has lavishly blessed us with food, family and education. I imagine a true community would form.

Here’s a practical application: Campus Ministries has a website devoted to four local ministries that reach out to families in need. Check it out at [http://grow.hope.edu/outreach/local\\_service.html](http://grow.hope.edu/outreach/local_service.html).

I don’t have all the answers, but I’d love to hear your ideas. Send your thoughts to [anchor@hope.edu](mailto:anchor@hope.edu). Maybe together we can make the Holland community a better place.

*Ashley participated in a Spring Break missions trip her sophomore year and found the experience to be eye-opening. She encourages students to use their time and resources in whatever way they feel God calling them to make change.*

The Threshold

Hope faculty setting the example?

This past week was Hope’s 26th annual Critical Issues Symposium on Global Health — ushering in an unprecedented involvement among the college’s staff, faculty, Greek Life and other student groups. While composing last edition’s article about this year’s CIS, I was privileged to converse with several of the influential persons included in making it possible.

That together with attending some of the CIS events themselves provided an enhanced sense of respect and thankfulness that my Hope College, this small Mid-western school, can afford — both literally and figuratively — to host such a significant event.

The fact that Hope College has essentially decided to remove an entire day from its academic calendar and devote it completely to the discussion of global issues — promoting that which Hope College is designed to do, stated as such in its mission statement — is astonishing.

I was very pleased to know that many of my friends and acquaintances deemed the issues important and interesting enough to take time out of their “free day” to visit some of the CIS forums, and I think it wonderful that Hope College is an institution of trust, where learning, education and being informed are all qualities that are held in high esteem.

I was disappointed, however, to see and hear of so many of Hope’s students simply staying out late on Tuesday night and partying, and failing to attend a single CIS event. It is a well-known fact around Hope that several campus groups annually designate the Tuesday before CIS as a hard late-night party. What is the sense in attending a liberal-arts institution of higher learning if one desires neither an education nor a holistic understanding of the world?

I understand well that some people have busy lives, crowded schedules and deem it necessary to catch up on homework, or simply rest their weary selves during CIS — but it is another thing entirely to blatantly disrespect CIS, Hope College, our learned

Kevin Soublly



guests and ourselves by ignoring the importance of studying issues that impact the only world that we possess.

Perhaps the cause of the disrespect lies, surprisingly, with some of the college’s own faculty. Hope purposely cancels all classes and meetings — be they of any subject and for any group — so that students are free to attend CIS should they wish. Doing so respectfully treats the student body as responsible adults, and I wholly admire Hope for doing so.

Disturbingly, however, I have learned that some of my friends were limited from attending the keynote address or some of the Wednesday sessions due to professors requiring their attendance at either class or a class activity; other students thought it prudent to review for Thursday exams.

By judging their classes and their schedules as more eminent than a campus-wide decision, faculty members are rudely regarding Hope students as irresponsible juveniles and significantly undermining the dignity of CIS and the authority of Hope’s decision-making power.

How is it that Hope College expects us students to treat CIS with dignity and take time out of our schedules if the Hope College faculty cannot respect it enough to even adhere to the official policy of no classes or activities during the symposium? If the faculty of our institution cannot be bothered to respect it, it is not unreasonable for the student body to follow their example and ignore it altogether.

Next year, let us — students and faculty together — actually follow policy, make an effort to respect CIS, Hope College and our own sense of learning and responsibility as world citizens.

*Kevin is a sophomore studying political science, french and environmental science.*

Beautiful Feet

Bryant Russ



Pissed off

One day, Jesus strolled into the temple, hands in the pockets of his robes, whistling the tune of “If You’re Happy and You Know It.” He spotted a table marked Sacrifice Sale: Buy one dove; get the second half off, and casually made his way over. “Excuse me, sir,” he said, “If it’s not too much trouble, would you mind setting up shop in a different location? You see, the

temple is meant to be a place of prayer, and all you salesmen are kind of...sort of...well, I mean...” Here Jesus blushed and looked away. “Would you please just move your table outside a little?” Then, to avoid sounding offensive, he quickly added, “That is, only if it’s not too much of an inconvenience.”

As you probably already know, this is not how the story goes. Mark 11 tells of Jesus violently driving out those who were buying and selling in the temple. Tables were overturned, benches flipped over, and there stood Jesus amid the mess, panting in the wake of his rage.

It’s seems like Christians today seldom get angry. And when we do, our anger is followed by a procession of apologies and shame for losing our tempers. Yet in our pursuit of politeness we have missed an essential Bibli-

cal command; Romans 12:9 says, “Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.” There are some things in the world it’s time we got angry about.

The composed voice in my head quickly points out Ephesians 4:26 (“In your anger, do not sin.”). But the truth is that it’s a sin not to become angry in the face of injustice. It is a sin not to take action when infuriated by what is wrong. While anger can be dangerous, it is much more dangerous to be numb and indifferent to the evil around us.

Right now there is a 15-year-old girl in South Asia being raped. Again. Every day she is pushed to her physical and emotional limits as a victim in the world’s third largest criminal enterprise—human trafficking. Right now there is a child in Sudan who hasn’t eaten in over a week. He doesn’t

have any tears left to cry, so he simply closes his eyes and holds himself as his body slowly wastes away. Right now there is a college student, maybe just a few seats down at the lunch table, who has bought into the lie that she is alone in the world, that she is unlovable, that the invitation of Jesus does not apply to her.

And guess what? Satan is laughing. He is laughing at cruelty, he is laughing at pain, he is laughing at our lack of action. So let us follow our master in having hearts full of righteous anger that cannot stand the sight of injustice.

In the words of Max Lucado, May we never grow so “Holy,” may we never be so “mature,” may we never become so “religious” that we can see the footprints of Satan and stay calm. It’s time to get pissed.

*Bryant is loving fall.*

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# Letters to the Editor

## By bike or by bus?

To the Editors:

You’re in the library and you glance up at the clock and think to yourself: “Oh shucks! It’s 7:58 – the Gathering is in two minutes! How am I ever going to make it on time?” Well, run on outside to the bike rack, unlock your bike, ride it across the street, lock it up outside the doors, and rush up the steps to your favorite balcony pew just in time to catch the opening verses of “Prepare the Way!”

You, like countless others at Hope, have discovered the joys of unnecessarily riding your bicycle around our tiny campus. It’s a great way to feel like you’re losing weight and saving the environment from your harmful emissions. But what caused this sudden rise in biking activity? Presumably the new Shuttle Bus. The bicycle, despite lacking the charms and accoutrements of the Shuttle Bus, is a fun and efficient way to get across the block we call our campus in record time.

What other benefits come from riding around on our narrow sidewalks you may wonder? It seems to be common practice at Hope to yell meaningless greetings to acquaintances you see from some 60 feet away. Now, imagine if you will, how much louder and more obnoxious you could be by elevating your self an extra 6 inches? Better than a chest bump any day! Plus, those extra 6 inches should increase your yelling range to at least 80 feet.

If you’re not yelling greetings, try yelling “get out of my way!” to those of us who get around the camps by foot, as you travel from the Martha Miller Center to Phelps. But, we need our feet, unlike your need for your bike. Also, don’t bother to slow down as you ride from Lubbers to Cook when we pedestrians also cross the ever busy 10th Street.

Don’t get us wrong, ride your bike if you have more than 5 blocks to go, but for just getting around campus, is it really necessary?

Gray Emerson (’09)  
Andreas VanDenend (’10)

## Response to rape threat

To the Editors:

After reading the gripping (and saddening) column written by Ashley DeVecht in a recent Anchor (Sept. 17), I felt compelled to add to the discussion. Ashley made it explicitly clear that sexual assault and/or harassment should not be a part of the college student expectation or experience, and I wholeheartedly agree. Women on our campus as well as their male counterparts should be able to walk our streets and sidewalks, immersing themselves in the night’s sights sounds and smells, but those sights and sounds should include the hoot of an owl or a clear view of the Little Dipper not a hyper-alert state of fear, listening for the approach of a stranger. It is also important in a college community that women and men should be able to interact without fear of sexual assault by someone they know and trust.

I appreciate the acknowledgement of the counseling center as a resource for students who have been violated in such ways. Another such resource is the Center for Women in Transition. I would like all students on this campus to know that Hope, as a community, is working to prevent sexual assault and harassment. We want our students safe and free from the worries of “Can I trust my friend?” or “Will I be safe at this social gathering?”.

In addition to the powerful piece written by Ms. DeVecht, I want our students to be aware of some resources. Hope College has a Sexual Assault and Harassment Policy which requires students to obtain “explicit verbal consent” before engaging in a sexual act with another person. This means that if an individual says “no,” even once, or does not say anything then one does not have the right to engage in a sexual act with that person. Should someone choose to coerce another into a sexual act, he or she is engaging in sexual assault or harassment of that person. The policy also provides that alcohol use by either party does not negate the responsibility to obtain consent from one’s partner. You still have to ask, and the person has to answer. If a person is under the influence of alcohol, he or she can not provide informed consent. If that person you have been interested in all night is under the influence of alcohol, wait until morning to approach him or her. You have a better chance of knowing that every person you are with in a sexual manner is there because he or she wants to be, not because he or she is impaired in some way.

For a full copy of the Hope College Harassment and Assault Policy please access the on-line version by going to <http://www.hope.edu/about/policies/>. You will find a copy of the policy and a list of advocates who can help explain the process further should you need their assistance. Let’s all work together to make our campus safe for everyone.

Leigh W. O’Connor Ph.D.  
Hope College Counseling Center

## From the inside out

Sam Ogles  
National Editor



### The case against voting and why refraining matters

You should not vote. Or rather, you probably do not deserve to do so. But let us set aside immediate reservations to this notion in order to objectively pursue it, if only briefly, to an end.

Human beings are inherently unequal. It is not a matter of prejudice but simply a necessary truth of diversity. Darwin’s work would mean nothing if we believed we are all equally endowed, and for evolutionary progression differing mental capacities are as much to blame as physical ones. That is not to say that some of us deserve life or freedom more than others but we are certainly not all equally equipped for any intellectual pursuit. And though we may possess the capacity for many intellectual avenues, we are forced to specialize. As proof we need only consider the existence specialization within the university.

No one would presume to be an economist without studying at great length the principles of economics and the varying schools of thought within. Likewise we would not accept a man claiming to be a doctor without having a medical license because such knowledge should be verified by an authority (the medical licensing board in this case). The reason for an authority is that if someone is going to inform us, to treat us, to prescribe what is best for us, then they should have the proper knowledge and basis from which to make such judgments. The realm of politics, I submit, is no different.

Political science in a very real sense is a science. According to specialist in political theory, David Walsh, with respect to politics, “We live in a society that is governed by causes and can be determined just like everything else.” Policy and its consequences can be analyzed.

In the field of political science, however, we have been misled. Politics, like religion, has become the game of the everyman (even if those achieving political success are not him). We all can judge, we all can know. We have elevated our notion of democracy to believe that all – or almost all – are equally capable of deciphering who is most qualified to lead the nation (my argument pertains strictly to the general election). Such a thought is not only misguided, it is irrational.

Someone once said that democracy is like entrusting the piloting of a ship to its passengers, and with a little reflection we can see an element of truth in this. As an example that the average person cannot be trusted with choosing the president we should consider popular measurement of our civic duty. What can be said of American civic duty is this: it requires of us only to vote, to make small gestures of patriotism when appropriate, and to be critical of the government’s inability to create utopia.

Politics, like the ship, takes a great risk and results in significant problems arising.

The central problem with American politics is that it is devoid of one thing: honesty. Honesty. Straightforwardness. Responsibility. They are, all of them, chillingly absent. The politicians are certainly blameworthy for their part. But how can the child be guilty of behavior that is encouraged by the parent?

If the central illness of American politics is dishonesty, then accountability is the cure. I believe we have a lack thereof because we force presidential candidates to appeal to 225 million individual views (the size of the adult population). And how can one accomplish winning over so many voters? It is done by using meaningless phrases like, “rebuild America’s reputation,” “strengthen the economy,” and “make us energy independent.”

The true political citizen cares nothing for these pronouncements because they are empty. The true political citizen is never swayed by rhetoric and does not idealize a party (though he may agree mostly with one). The true political citizen has an interest in facts, in history, in the science of public policy. This citizen can look past small character flaws and even mistakes. But most importantly, he would care about the greater good rather than the immediate gratification of his desires and satisfaction of his individual needs.

He is interested solely in the truth of the matter at hand, and as such he is in a position to not only be prepared to embrace honesty from his leaders, but to demand it in such a way that dishonesty will be met with incessant calls for the leader’s removal.

I propose the manner that such citizens are found should be a test. No degree would be required, just adequate preparation. Electing a president is a responsibility to be taken seriously and reflected by hours of study consulting wide-ranging topics and views. Only true political citizens should have this right, even if you and I are not one of them. And we can start this movement by adhering to Descartes’ advice and acting so as to set an example, which may mean refraining from voting.

I realize fully the irony of arguing that an idea become popular which attempts to disregard the validity of “majority knows best.” But of the removal of democracy for a sort of meritocracy in the general election, perhaps the result is true progress. And though unpleasant to consider abandoning “democracy,” let us look to the words of paleoanthropologist, Robert Ardrey, “While you and I may shudder, at first thought, concerning gods so harsh, on second thought we may look a bit closer and glimpse immortality in our mirror.”

*Sam is still exploring and refining a more in-depth version of this argument. He welcomes objections and suggestions on the subject, especially through the Anchor.*

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# Author Donald Miller speaks on faith and politics, campaigns for Obama

♦ **MILLER**, from page 5

identity.”

I asked him if he considered himself to be an evangelical.

He replied, “Well, you know, there’s so many different categories of evangelical. I fit Barna’s model of what an evangelical is. I believe the Word of God is true, I believe Jesus is the Son of God, those sorts of things. (Evangelicals) would say, ‘Well, you’re an evangelical,’ and I say, ‘Okay, thanks.’ It’s like going to the dentist and being told you have a certain molar. Whatever, it’s just who I am, I didn’t choose it.”

Miller’s most recent book “To Own a

Dragon” is about growing up without a father. Obama, too, grew up fatherless. I wanted to know how this has resonated for him with Obama.

“One of the reasons it resonates with me and Barack Obama is because he speaks about it from a position of success, he speaks about it from a position of strength. There were mentors in his life who have guided him out. So the mentoring thing we have in common.

“(Obama) talks about the importance of mentoring, talks about the importance of responsible fathers. And 85 percent of men in prison grew up without a dad, and if you grew up without a dad you are 70 percent more likely to commit suicide.

The statistics are staggering. And yet, we haven’t had a candidate until now who’s actually talking about that issue. Mentoring is a solution to many of America’s problems, or at least an improvement to many of America’s problems.”

A group of pastors recently openly endorsed a presidential candidate, which caused problems with the IRS because of churches’ apolitical and tax exempt status.

Ogles asked if, as a religious figure, Miller felt these pastors were right or wrong to endorse a candidate, and how, if at all, he was different from them.

“I’m a writer, not a pastor, so I’m not legally handcuffed in any way. My feeling

about that is that it’s a good law.... My real issue is with what they’re saying. One of them, the guy from Minnesota, actually said, ‘You can’t be a Christian and vote for Barack Obama.’ I find that to be absolutely absurd....

“[This] group of pastors wants to get up and control their congregation and tell them who to vote for rather than teach them how to think. I don’t support that methodology of educating people. Teach people to think, don’t tell them what to do.”

At this point, Miller had to get going to catch a flight. Just like the thousands of others who have read his books, his words gave me a lot to think over.

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# Squeezed Out: Football falls short despite late rally; remains winless for season



TORN DOWN— A Hope College football player is tackled by two Trine University players.

The Flying Dutchmen suffered a blow with a conference opening 31-30 loss to visiting Trine University (formerly Tri-State) Saturday. Coach Dean Kreps’ Dutchmen slipped to 0-5 on the season in suffering their first Homecoming loss since 1997.

The team was persistent, putting together a late rally to score a touchdown with only 35 seconds left in the game. Unfortunatly there was not a photo finish when the extra point and game tying attempt was blocked by Trine.

The loss overshadowed an outstanding passing/receiving performance by quarterback Jake Manning (’09) and receiver Kyle Dietrich (’11). Dietrich shattered the single game record for reception yardage as he brought in 14 passes that covered 285 yards.

# Golf teams eye MIAA championships

Jon Kinsey  
STAFF WRITER

As the end of the season draws near, both the Hope men’s and women’s golf squads look to finish off successful seasons. The men’s team sits in second place, 27 strokes behind MIAA leader Olivet.

“It’s going to take a lot to get us ahead of Olivet to win the conference,” Steven Strock (’10) said. “Everybody is going to have to step it up.”

The Dutchmen have one chance to make up that difference before the season ends in their

match at Kalamazoo on Oct. 9. Led by Strock, this season’s top individual scorer the Dutchmen are primed and ready to capture the MIAA crown.

With six freshmen the Dutchmen are a relatively young team, but that doesn’t seem to have slowed them so far as they have finished as one of the top three teams in every match since August.

“We have Nick Campbell (’12) who is playing very well,” Strock said. “That has been a great addition for us, and the rest of the freshmen are waiting in the

wings in case the team needs someone to step in.”

Hope’s women’s team also moved into second place last week after a second place finish at their fourth league jamboree . Looking ahead, the Dutch have the MIAA championships on Oct. 10 and 11, which has the potential to make or break the season.

“We’re only one stroke ahead of St. Mary’s so beating them this weekend at the championship is really big,” Jori Niemann (’11) said.

Calling the women’s team

young is an understatement, boasting eight freshmen and only one senior, experience is something they truly lack. Never finishing worse than fifth place as a team, winning one, and finishing second and third twice each, the Dutch have displayed maturity on the links, showing that they are a team on a mission.

“The youth has been great,” Niemann said. “They’ve actually dominated the team and it’s been good to have so many because we only had four returners. Everybody’s done a great job of contributing.”

## THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

<b>Friday</b>	<b>Oct. 10</b>
<b>Women’s Volleyball</b>	
vs. Albion at 6:30 p.m.	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Oct. 14</b>
<b>Men’s Soccer</b>	
vs. Alma at 4 p.m.	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Oct. 17</b>
<b>Women’s Volleyball</b>	
vs. Calvin at 6:30 p.m.	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Oct. 18</b>
<b>Men’s Soccer</b>	
vs. Kalamazoo at 2 p.m.	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Oct. 22</b>
<b>Men’s Soccer</b>	
vs. Olivet at 4 p.m.	

## IN BRIEF

### MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The men’s cross country team traveled to Hanover, Ind. to compete at the course that will host the NCAA championships. The team came home with a fourth place finish in the strong field. Hope was led by Seth Weener (’08) who finished 19th overall. Other key finishers for Hope were Rob Bailey (’09), Matt Wiersum (’10), Paul VanderVelde (’09) and Zach King (’09). The Dutchmen are currently ranked 10th in the Great Lakes Region.

### WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The women’s cross country team also traveled to Hanover, Ind. Hope finished sixth with a score of 176. Leading the Flying Dutch was Karli Sikma (’12) who came in 31st. Packed in closely behind Sikma were Kate Nelson (’12), Emily Fischer (’11) and Kate Freshour (’09). Hope is currently holding a fifth place ranking within the Great Lakes Region.

### MEN'S SOCCER

The men’s soccer team continued their winning streak by defeating Adrian College 8-0 on Saturday. The victory puts the team at 8-0-2 as well as 4-0 in the MIAA. Goals were scored by six different players in the game against Adrian with Kevin Bartosek (’10), the only player to put in two goals for the Dutchmen.

### HOCKEY

The Hope hockey team kicked the 2008-09 season off to a bright start, easily defeating Jackson Community College 11-2 in their season opener. Seven different players scored goals with an additional 13 assisting. Mike Headley (’09) gave a solid performance in the goal box, stopping 12 of 14 shots made. The Flying Dutchmen will next play in the Grand Valley Showcase on Oct. 9 and 10.

# Mid-season report: Hope in the MIAA

MIAA MEN'S GOLF STANDINGS		
	Total	Avg.
Olivet	2083	297.6
Hope	2110	301.4
Trine	2120	302.9
Albion	2155	307.9
Calvin	2184	312.0
Kalamazoo	2222	317.4
Adrian	2225	317.9
Alma	2255	319.3

MIAA MEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS				
	League			
	W	L	T	Pts
Calvin	4	0	0	12
Hope	4	0	0	12
Trine	3	1	0	9
Albion	2	2	0	6
Adrian	1	3	0	3
Kalamazoo	1	3	0	3
Olivet	1	3	0	3
Alma	0	4	0	0

MIAA MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY STANDINGS	
1. Calvin	
2. Hope	
3. Adrian	
4. Albion	
5. Trine	
6. Alma	
7. Kalamazoo	
8. Olivet	

2008 MIAA VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS	
	W
Hope	9
Calvin	6
Alma	6
Saint Mary's	5
Adrian	5
Albion	4
Trine	3
Kalamazoo	2
Olivet	0
	L
Hope	0
Calvin	2
Alma	2
Saint Mary's	4
Adrian	5
Albion	5
Trine	6
Kalamazoo	7
Olivet	9

MIAA WOMEN'S GOLF STANDINGS		
	Total	Avg.
Olivet	1296	324.0
Hope	1348	337.0
Saint Mary's	1349	337.2
Albion	1444	361.0
Trine	1456	364.0
Kalamazoo	1473	368.2
Alma	1507	376.7
Adrian	1598	399.5
Calvin	1638	409.5

MIAA WOMEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS				
	League			
	W	L	T	Pts
Alma	3	0	0	9
Calvin	2	0	0	6
Adrian	2	1	0	6
Hope	2	1	0	6
Albion	1	1	0	3
Olivet	1	1	0	3
Kalamazoo	0	2	0	0
Saint Mary's	0	2	0	0
Trine	0	3	0	0

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# Baseball and softball prepare for spring seasons

**Karen Patterson**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Every fall Hope athletic teams such as football, volleyball and soccer participate in conference and NCAA play. What many may not know is that they are not the only Hope teams working hard toward a conference championship. Every fall for four weeks, Hope’s baseball and softball teams are given a unique opportunity to participate in something referred to as Fall Ball.

Fall Ball is a specific time when the teams are able to go out and practice with the coaching staff. The NCAA has strict rules about out-of-season contact time between coaches and their players, and both the softball and baseball teams are careful to stay within the regulations

“The NCAA grants us 16 days

of contact, however, the MIAA limits us to nine dates in two hour increments,” head baseball Coach Stu Fritz said. The coaches then determine what days will work best for their players.

“I set the dates based on when my players get their Hope physicals and class schedules,” head softball Coach Karla Wolters said.

During those nine practices the teams work hard to make use of the little time they are given. For the softball team this includes going over technique and giving the pitchers and hitters a chance to work on their form. Wolters also has her players focus on their individual and team defense as well as base running.

For the teams, though, scrimmaging is key.

“Our practices are a combination of drills and

scrimmage, but really more scrimmage than anything else,” Fritz said.

“Since we cannot play against other schools, scrimmaging is key,” Wolters said.

“This year one of our practices is just and orange and blue scrimmage.”

While the teams consider themselves lucky to even be able to work with the coaches, players from each squad expressed a desire for more practices.

“We don’t get very many live repetitions, which are very beneficial. We do a lot on our own off-days, but it’s not the same as going live,” Flying Dutchmen first baseman Matt VanderVelde (’09) said.

Softball first baseman Kelli Duimstra (’09) had similar thoughts.

“I love playing softball so the

more we can play the better. It would be great to have more than nine practices and to play other schools, but those are NCAA rules so there’s not much we can do,” Duimstra said.

A n o t h e r benefit to Fall Ball is the opportunity it gives the coaches and r e t u r n i n g players a chance to meet the freshmen and see how they are going to fit into the program.

“There is a focus on team bonding and Fall Ball gives me continuous contact with the freshmen players, which is helpful when it comes to making cuts in the winter,” Fritz said.

“I like to try to see them play outdoors as much as possible as well as see how they fit in with the returners.”

For returners, a chance to

work with the new players before the official start to the season is invaluable.

“Fall Ball gives us a great chance to look at the new players coming into the program and keep our game sharp,” baseball second baseman and pitcher Robby Poll (’10) said.

“It’s such a great chance to get to know the new girls coming into the program,” Flying Dutch pitcher Deidra Enochs (’10) said.

“It makes things much easier when it comes to spring and we’re already pretty good friends.”

Fall Ball is not something that many people know about but that is incredibly beneficial to the teams that take part in it. While the March and April seem so far off in the distance, the reality for the baseball and softball teams is that there are just a few short months before they begin their pre-season training. For these teams, the extra time together is valuable and used towards improving their chances of claiming a conference title.

## Hope teams hold breast cancer awareness games



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**SERVING UP HOPE—** Sara DeWeerd (’11) serves against Olivet. The team sold pink Dig for the Cure shirts and Hope Wins wrist bands to raise money for breast cancer research.



PHOTO BY ANN GREEN

**KICKIN’ FOR THE CAUSE—** Lauren Miller (’11) flies by a St. Mary’s defender. Hope won 2-1 in double overtime. The team wore pink jerseys to help raise breast cancer awareness.

## Volleyball continues win streak

**James Ralston**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Coach Becky Schmidt kept her orange and blue coat in the closet for last weekend’s home volleyball match against Olivet College. Schmidt chose to wear pink rather than her normal colors in support of breast cancer awareness. Her team and fans followed suit, as funds were raised and pink was worn by many in the crowd that watched the Flying Dutch defeat Olivet in three sets.

“The coach at St. Mary’s (College) is a big supporter of raising awareness for breast cancer, and coaches throughout the nation are all pushing for events like this,” Schmidt said.

“We got a lot of support from students as well as lots of others from the volleyball community tonight.”

The team is currently ranked 14th in the nation, moving up one spot after a strong showing at the Central Iowa Classic. At the Central Iowa Classic the Flying Dutch defeated fifth ranked Carthage College, in the next week’s national ranking, the Flying Dutch moved from 15th to 14th in the nation, while Carthage fell from 5th to 8th.

“It is great to get the national recognition, but I don’t put much stock in a vote by a bunch

of people who have never seen us play,” Schmidt said.

“That’s why I wasn’t surprised that we only moved up to 14<sup>th</sup>, you never really know where those rankings come from.”

On top of key games such as Carthage, Hope has been focusing on making every game count. Their victory over Olivet gave them 12 straight victories.

“We need to stay focused in every game,” Nora Slenk (’09) said.

“We think that we can compete with any team in the nation, but we’re smart enough not to look past anyone, every game is important.”

The team is hoping to keep their streak alive as they head into the second round of MIAA games.

“The second round of MIAA play is always more difficult,” Schmidt said.

“The teams will be more prepared for us and have a better idea how to match up. The match against Calvin (College) should be another great match, as should Alma (College).”

By looking at every game as important, Slenk thinks that the team can make it farther than they ever have.

“We’re working at being MIAA champions for now, and getting a bid into the NCAA tournament,” Slenk said.

“There are a lot of good teams in our

region, so getting in won’t be easy. Then we hope to go farther in the NCAA tournament than any Hope team has before.”

In order to make it into the NCAA tournament a team must first receive a bid into the single elimination regional tournament. This tournament then leads into the NCAA national tournament.

In the game against Olivet College, Coach Schmidt also gave a preview of what the team has in store for the distant future.

“In tonight’s match we had a good flow and tempo throughout,” Schmidt said.

“Overall I was very pleased with the match. We took out all of the seniors in game three to see how the underclassmen would do. It took them a while to get rolling but once they clicked they played very well.”

With only underclassmen on the floor the Flying Dutch put up a solid victory in the third set 25-17. Kara VandeGuchte (’11) believes that their showing was a good sign for the future and also shows the strength and depth of the current team.

“It took us a while to come together at first,” VandeGuchte said.

“But once we got it together we really rolled and finished strong.”

## MIAA honors three Hope athletes

- MEN’S SOCCER**

Nicco Lamb (’12) was named the co-offensive player of the week. Lamb scored a goal in each of the team’s victories over Trine and Adrian last week. Lamb ranks second in the MIAA for scoring in conference games and has helped the Flying Dutchmen score 15 goals in the first four MIAA games.
- FOOTBALL**

Jake Manning (’09) was named as the MIAA offensive player of the week after giving an incredible performance in the Hope homecoming game. Manning completed 32 of 45 passes for a total of 497 yards with four touchdowns with two of the touchdowns coming in the final three minutes of the game.
- VOLLEYBALL**

Nora Slenk (’09) has been named as the MIAA player of the week for the second time in her career. In Hope’s three- game sweeps of Alma and Olivet, Slenk contributed 22 kills, 16 digs and had a hitting percentage of .541.

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